WHEREAS, The production of livestock contributes in excess of sixty per cent of South Dakota's total agricultural wealth and income; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota's agriculture is her largest and most important industry and accounts directly and indirectly for the majority of jobs and income enjoyed by its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase of imported meats by any citizen or group-especially by institutions funded by South Dakota tax monies--constitutes a detrimental and unnecessary economic drain on the State's agriculture:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby urge and request any and all state institutional personnel having responsibility for meat purchases to desist immediately from the purchase of imported meats and, henceforth, to give utmost priority to the use of domestically produced meats.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 8th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and

Seventy-Six

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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